

. 22 October 1963


MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. I telephoned Mr. Al Westphal, Staff Director, Far East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today in connection with the Subcommittee's recent trip to Saigon. I told Mr. Westphal that there was an implication in our cable traffic last night that the Subcommittee thought that the Agency had intentionally withdrawn Mr. John Richardson prior to their (the Subcommittee's) arrival in Saigon, and I wanted to make it clear that this was not the case.

2. Mr. Westphal said that he thought this implication was probably correct and that he would be happy to discuss the whole situation with me when we have lunch. He went on to say that there are eight members on the Subcommittee and therefore, of course, there are varied reactions, but that he felt since the Subcommittee is back here and has had time to settle down and think about the situation that there is more of an agreed position in this connection. He went on to say that the Agency's number two man at Saigon had handled this situation very well and had given the Subcommittee the story in detail. He also said that he personally stayed with [redacted] and had had quite a detailed discussion with him.

3. Mr. Westphal stated that he will be writing a report of the Subcommittee's visit to Saigon.

4. I reaffirmed my earlier invitation to Mr. Westphal for lunch at his earliest convenience. Mr. Westphal will be in touch with me later in the week to set up luncheon date. I plan also to include Mr. Bill Colby and Mr. John Richardson in the luncheon.

  
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